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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78134

HUGHES, LAURENCE GERALD, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/700,548

Group Art Unit: 1762

Confirmation No.: 6075

Examiner: Unknown

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For: COATED IMPLANTS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, dated March 29, 2005, Applicant submits that the Election of Species Requirement is directed to claims 1-38, which were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed November 5, 2003. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the Election of Species Requirement with respect to claims 1-38 is moot.

Although no fees are believed to be necessary the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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